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LETTER DATED 15 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to convey to you the following:

The letter of the representative of the Iraqi regime contained in document S/25534 constitutes a continuation of the course of disinformation persisted in by that regime in order to divert attention from its failure to implement the Security Council resolutions relating to its aggression and its occupation of Kuwait.

Firstly, it is noted that the representative of this regime has set himself up as an arbitrator and scrutinizer of Kuwait's policy in the demilitarized zone. The above-mentioned representative has thus lost sight of the role played by the neutral authority entrusted by the Security Council with the task of observing the policy and conduct of Kuwait and Iraq alike, namely, the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM). Also, perhaps he did not examine very carefully the Secretary-General's report for the period 29 January to 23 March 1993 (S/25514), containing an account of Iraq's repeated violations at the beginning of the current year, which led to the adoption of resolution 806 (1993), which approved, inter alia, the extension of the terms of reference of UNIKOM.

Secondly, it is noted that the events mentioned in the Iraqi representative's letter are merely fallacies fabricated by the Iraqi authorities. On this matter, attention should be drawn to the following:

1. The Kuwaiti authorities have no knowledge of the incident that Iraq claims took place on 29 January 1993. Even if Kuwait had been a party to it, the Kuwaiti authorities would have been notified of this by UNIKOM.

2. With regard to the alleged incident relating to the abduction of two Iraqis on 19 February 1993, the truth of the matter is that UNIKOM notified the Kuwaiti authorities of the incident after these two had penetrated more than 1 kilometre inside Kuwaiti territory. The Kuwaiti authorities promised UNIKOM to search for them.

3. With regard to the incident that occurred on 20 February 1993, the truth of the matter is that a Kuwaiti patrol seized the two Iraqi soldiers inside Kuwaiti territory, contacted UNIKOM and handed over the two soldiers to it on 21 February 1993.

4. With regard to the incident that Iraq claims occurred on 5 March 1993, the Kuwaiti authorities joined UNIKOM in investigating the incident. There is nothing to indicate that any individual from the Kuwaiti post was responsible for it.

5. What was stated under point 4 applies also to the incident alleged to have taken place on 18 March 1993. There is no evidence that individuals from the Kuwaiti post were responsible for the incident.

6. With regard to the incident of 23 March 1993, the truth of the matter is that the Kuwaiti vehicle was inside Kuwaiti territory, as borne out by the geographical coordinate mentioned in the letter from the representative of the Iraqi regime.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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